for classes I, III, VI, IX and XI will be introduced from the academic session 2006-07, in phase-II textbooks for classes II, IV, VII, X and XII will be introduced from the academic session 2007-08 and in phase-III textbooks for classes V and VIII will be introduced from the academic session 2008-09. The textbooks for phase-I are currently in the production and printing stage.

(c) and (d) The draft National Curriculum Framework was placed before the Central Advisory Board of Education (CABE) on 7.6.2005, where a decision was taken to have wider discussion on the draft at the State level. The document was then translated into 21 Indian languages and circulated to all the States. Workshops and seminars and discussions were held by the States with examining bodies, NGOs working in the field of education, parents, teachers, students, education administrators and other state-holders. Based on the inputs received, draft NCF-2005 was modified and placed before the CABE on 7.9.2005. After detailed discussion, CABE approved NCF-2005.

Shortage of IIMs in the country

†122. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in view of the domestic needs of such a vast country like ours, a few institutions like IIMs are insufficient;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to open above institutions or their branches in various parts of the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons behind opening branches abroad while ignoring the needs of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (d) The domestic need for quality education in all fields is in excess of availability. To meet the demand, the Government has suggested the Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs) to create more opportunities

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for students in the country by increasing intake capacity, creation of additional infrastructure and introduction of new courses. The Government has identified Shillong for setting up the seventh IIM in the country.

Change in NCERT Textbooks

†123. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that NCERT has decided to change the taxtbooks of 1st, 3rd, 6th, 9th and 11th standards from April, 2006;

(b) if so, the number of books in each subject required by the students, State-wise;

(c) the effective steps taken by Government to ensure the availability of books in sufficient number in the market by the end of March, 2006;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether government would provide e-books from the forthcoming session; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) the subject-wise print orders of new titles for classes I, III, VI, IX and XI with NCERT are given in the Statement (*See* below). NCERT is providing textbooks to the students of CBSE affiliated schools through a network of wholesale agents in the country. NCERT has taken all possible steps to ensure that new textbooks are made available in the market insufficient numbers for CBSE schools before commencement of the academic session 2006-2007. The reprint edition of all the textbooks for the rest of the classes i.e. II, IV, V, VII, VIII, X and XII are already available in sufficient numbers. In addition, NCERT is also granting copyright permission for adoption/adaptation of NCERT textbooks based on the requests received from any of the State Governments.

(e) and (f) NCERT has planned to make available copies of all NCERT textbooks on the NCERT website.

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